

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF DOCTOR MIKE WRIGHT

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Abstract — A portrait and the complete bibliography (1937-1959) of M. Wright (1914-1953) are presented along with a few personal notes. Most of his work is devoted to the North American Odonata.

Introductory Note

Doctor Mike Wright was known to me only through his letters and accounts of his friends. It was from him that I learned of his excessive weight and occasional ludicrous situations because of it — some comical and some not so funny. I still chuckle over a snapshot of him in a comic pose that he sent me illustrating "The esthetic way to collect dragonflies". To Dr.

KORMONDY's "In Memoriam, Mike Wright, 1914-1953", I would add that he had a marvelous sense of humor. To his biography which gave only a brief summary of the scope of Dr. Wright's interest in taxonomy and ecology, I would also like to add his bibliography. Of his 29 papers, 25 deal with the Odonata. He described the nymphs of three species and wrote eight other articles concerning dragonfly nymphs. One was a key to the genera of Anisoptera of the United States and Canada. Another key to genera, published posthumously with Mike Wright as junior author, included the Zygoptera as well. The following list includes all of his papers known

to me.



Dr. Mike Wright. — The portrait was obtained through the kindness of Professor D. Lyle Goleman, Chairman of the Department of Entomology, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, who had an enlargement made of a section of a group picture of faculty and graduate students, taken about 1940.

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Postscript

When Dr W.T. Edmondson, editor for the new edition of Ward & Whipple's "Fresh-water Biology", asked me after Dr Mike Wright's death to complete his manuscript on the Odonata, it was intended that I be the junior author. After submitting the finished manuscript to Dr H.H. Ross, head of the Insect Identification Section of the State Illinois Natural History Survey, for his approval and sending it to Dr Edmondson, they decided that I be the senior author because of additions and having rewritten much of it. Without Dr Wright's manuscript as a basis, and without the encouragement and help of Dr E.M. Walker and Dr Minter J. Westfall, Jr., I would not have attempted to write the chapter.

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